UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE: CRUDE OIL COMMODITY

**FUTURES LITIGATION** 

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PLAINTIFFS' MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF INTERIM CO-LEAD CLASS COUNSEL

Plaintiffs submit this memorandum in support of their motion to amend the February 14,

2014 Memorandum and Order (Docket No. 9) appointing interim class counsel by substituting

the firm of Burns Charest LLP for Susman Godfrey LLP as Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel for

Plaintiffs in the above-captioned matter.

Since the inception of this case, Warren T. Burns and Daniel Charest have been the

attorneys at Susman Godfrey LLP with the principal responsibility of managing this case. In

particular, Burns has appeared and argued at every hearing, managed the appeal and argument

concerning third-party productions, and coordinated settlement discussions. Burns and Charest

have left Susman Godfrey and are now associated with Burns Charest.

Burns Charest has the full financial capability of serving as Interim Co-Lead Class

Counsel in this litigation. Burns Charest likewise has the requisite expertise and institutional

knowledge given that the attorneys who principally prosecuted this litigation at Susman Godfrey

are now at Burns Charest.

Plaintiffs' interim co-lead counsel, Lovell Stewart Halebian Jacobson LLP, supports this

motion, as do Defendants. Further, Susman Godfrey likewise supports this motion.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth above, Plaintiffs respectfully submit that the

Memorandum and Order appointing interim class counsel should be amended to substitute Burns

Charest for Susman Godfrey as Interim Co- Lead Class Counsel for End-Payor Plaintiffs.

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Dated: May 22, 2015 Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 

This is to certify that on May 22, 2015, a true and correct copy of the foregoing

instrument was filed with the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

via the Court's CM/ECF system, thereby causing copies to be electronically served upon all

counsel of record.

/s/ Warren T. Burns Warren T. Burns